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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed January 24, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendments and remarks. A Shortened Statutory Period was set to expire three (3) months after the mailing of the Non-Final Office Action, *i.e.*, April 24, 2007. Applicant hereby requests a three (3) month extension of time extending the time for reply to and including July 24, 2007. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the filing of this response on July 16, 2007 is timely.

In response to the Office Action, Applicant requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks. Remarks related to the correspondence address begin on page 2 of this paper Amendment to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 12 of this. paper.

The present Amendment is believed to be in compliance with the Revised Amendment Format published in the Federal Register on June 30, 2003 (68 FC 38611), and therefore to be exempt from the requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)-(d).